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Dear Valued Guest

**Update regarding the reopening of the Otter Trail overnight huts**

This correspondence serves to inform you, our valued guest, of the latest developments regarding the reopening of the Otter Trail overnight huts during level one of the National Lockdown period.

Health and safety of our visitors remain one of our highest priorities. We therefore, strive to ensure a safe environment for everyone to enjoy.

The existing protocols applicable to the dormitory overnight huts were reviewed and a decision taken in line with relevant COVID-19 safety regulations and protocols. Dormitory overnight huts on the Otter Trail will reopen on 1 November 2020 under the following strict conditions.

1. All overnight dormitory huts will be limited to a fifty percent (50%) occupancy of unit capacity. No more than three people will be allowed to sleep in one overnight hut. Three mattresses will be provided in each overnight hut.
2. Three heavy-duty four man canvas tents will be provided (erected and ready to use) at each overnight area and each tent will be limited to no more than two people per tent. Two mattresses will be provided in each tent.
3. Overnight dormitory huts and tents will be disinfected daily as part of the current COVID-19 protocols practiced on the Otter Trail.
4. The usage of dormitory overnight huts and tents will be based on a first come first served basis where hikers who arrive at overnight areas first, have an option in terms of which facility (dormitory hut or tent) they would like to utilize.
5. It remains the responsibility of all hikers, individuals or groups to ensure that sleeping arrangements adhere to COVID-19 regulations e.g. social distancing as it is not practically possible for park management and staff to continuously monitor such arrangements at these remote overnight areas.
6. Hikers who wish to bring and carry their own tents from one overnight area to the next, will be permitted to do so.

The above conditions will remain unchanged until further notice.

Image of tents

We appreciate your loyalty and support.

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